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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 20, Associated Press* — **BP refinery upgrade a big bet on Canadian oil.** BP PLC's plan to upgrade its massive refinery in Whiting, Indiana, is the biggest single-refinery investment in Canadian crude to date. The company said Wednesday, September 20, that it would invest \$3 billion between 2007 and 2011 to upgrade the plant to allow it to process up to 90 percent Canadian crude oil from the current 20 percent. The project has the potential to increase the plant's production of transportation fuels by 15 percent to 14 million gallons a day. U.S. refiners that have grown used to crude oil prices rising due to disruptions in far-flung production locations are looking closer to home for reliable crude supply, even if it means

investing vast sums to equip their plants to process it. Canada, the No. 1 exporter of crude to the U.S., is ramping up plans to dramatically expand its output, with production of crude Alberta's expected to triple to three million barrels a day by 2015. "There's going to be a mountain of Canadian crude" pointed at the U.S., said David Hackett of Stillwater Associates LLC. BP's project at Whiting will allow the company to convert a significant amount of lower-value residual fuel into higher-value transportation fuels.

Source: http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/09/20/business/NA_FIN_US_Canada_BP_Refinery.php

2. *September 20, Journal News (NY)* — **Computer malfunction downs Indian Point siren system.** A computer malfunction knocked 156 emergency sirens offline in a 10-mile radius around the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan, NY, for about an hour Tuesday, September 19. The siren system's computer malfunctioned after a routine maintenance check at 12:08 p.m. EDT said Larry Gottlieb, a spokesperson for Entergy, the plants' owner. Technicians rebooted the system and had it operating by 1:10 p.m., and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, local emergency planning personnel, and government officials were notified. Gottlieb said the system, which is on schedule to be completely replaced by January, now runs with two computers that were designed to back each other up, but do not function independently during maintenance. Gottlieb added that in the event of an emergency and a complete failure of the siren system, the plant has several backup plans, beginning with a fleet of vehicles with mounted speakers to alert residents to tune in to radios or televisions where more detailed information would be made available. On September 13, the company tested all 156 sirens, ten of which failed to properly activate. The new system being installed may also involve high-speed automated telephone calling to residents' homes as a backup.

Source: <http://www.thejournalnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060920/NEWS02/609200374/1023/NEWS07>

3. *September 19, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* — **NRC offers new service for e-mail notification.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has initiated a free automated "list serve" program to provide information and documents when they are issued. The public may subscribe to electronic notices of the latest news releases, speeches by NRC officials, public meetings on the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in New York, generic communications from the NRC to specific classes of licensees such as power reactors, and other information. Subscriptions available through the SUBSCRIBE link on the NRC Website:

<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2006/06-113.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Air Force to speed up job cuts to save money.** In another cost-saving move, the Air Force will likely speed up its plan to cut 40,000 jobs, an official said Wednesday, September 20. The service hopes to eliminate the equivalent of 40,000 full-time positions by the budget year 2009 instead of 2011, as had been considered earlier, said Capt. David W. Small, an Air Force spokesperson. The overall size of the reduction, which has been known since early this year, was prompted by a long-range Pentagon-wide plan to reshape the nation's military services into a more agile fighting force better able to fight terrorism, while still preserving the ability to wage large conventional wars. Small said officials are still trying to determine an exact plan for making the personnel cuts, which would not translate to 40,000 specific people but rather a complicated mix of uniformed and civilian active-duty and reserve positions. The Air Force says personnel costs have risen 51 percent over the past decade, though the numbers of personnel have remained the same. The service estimates its buying power a year from now will be reduced by about eight billion dollars due to higher costs of fuel, personnel and aging aircraft, said Small.

Source: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/14926389/>

5. *September 20, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-938: Defense Transportation: Study Limitations Raise Questions about the Adequacy and Completeness of the Mobility Capabilities Study and Report.** The Department of Defense (DOD) issued the Mobility Capabilities Study (MCS), which was intended to identify and quantify the mobility capabilities needed to support U.S. strategic objectives into the next decade. The MCS found that projected capabilities are adequate to achieve U.S. objectives with an acceptable level of risk. The Senate report accompanying the bill for the 2005 Defense Authorization Act required the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on the adequacy and completeness of the MCS. Among GAO's findings: Aspects of modeling and data were inadequate in some areas because data were lacking and the models used could not simulate all relevant aspects of the missions. The report did not explain how these limitations could affect the study results or what the impact on projected mobility capabilities might be. The MCS also was unable to model the flexible deterrent options/deployment order process to move units and equipment into theater because of lack of data, but the study assumed a robust use of this process. In addition, the MCS report contains over 80 references to the need for improved modeling or data.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06938high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/abstract.php?rptno=GAO-06-938>

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *September 20, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* — **Virtual keypads are vulnerable to snoops.** In hopes of fighting Internet fraud, some online banking sites make customers use "virtual keypads" — a method of entering passwords on the screen, generally with a mouse. The system is designed to thwart keystroke-logging programs that capture everything a user types. Now those virtual keypads appear just as vulnerable to snoops. Hispasec Systems has revealed details of Trojan horse programs that can capture video imagery of an unsuspecting person's computer use. The Trojan horses are slipped onto users' computers when they visit certain Websites. When Hispasec Systems tested whether more than 30 anti-virus programs would block a recent video-logging Trojan, only six did so. Gartner Inc. security analyst Avivah Litan

said screen-capture programs that attacked virtual keypads emerged as early as 2003, when banks in Brazil fell prey. She said the technique has remained relatively rare because the programs consume a lot of bandwidth and storage. Quintero said Wednesday, September 20, however, that a newly detected Trojan combines keystroke-logging and video-capture functions — and instead of recording the entire screen, the program just grabs images of the immediate area near where the user clicks the mouse. The spy receives a smaller file, making the attack easier to pull off.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/business/1700AP_Virtual_Snooping.html

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

7. *September 21, Department of Homeland Security* — DHS announces SBInet contract award.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on Thursday, September 21, the award of a contract to implement SBInet along the United States northern and southern borders. The landmark SBInet program will provide DHS and its agents and officers with the best possible solution to detect, identify, classify, respond to and resolve illegal entry attempts at the land borders with Mexico and Canada. Announced last year by Secretary Chertoff, the Secure Border Initiative (SBI) is a comprehensive plan to control borders and stem the flow of illegal immigration through an integrated mix of increased staffing, more robust interior enforcement, greater investment in detection technology and infrastructure, and enhanced coordination on federal, state, local, and international levels. A critical component of the SBI strategy is SBInet, a program focused on transforming border control through technology and infrastructure. SBInet will provide frontline personnel advantages in securing the nation's land borders by fielding the most effective mix of current and next generation technology, infrastructure, staffing, and response platforms.

SBInet Fact Sheet: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interweb/assetlibrary/sbinetfactsheet.pdf>

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_release/press_release_1003.xml

8. *September 21, Associated Press* — Britain relaxes rules on carry-on bags. Britain is relaxing restrictions on carry-on baggage Friday, September 22, allowing musical instruments and larger bags to be taken aboard aircraft, the government said. Severe limits on carry-on baggage were imposed after police announced August 10 that they had broken up an alleged plot to bring down U.S.-bound aircraft with liquid-based explosives. The Department for Transport said Thursday, September 21, that one carry-on bag would be allowed, with a new larger maximum size of about 22 inches by 18 inches by 10 inches. Previously the maximum was about 18 inches by 14 inches by 6 inches. Musicians with instruments too big to go into hand luggage will be able to take them on board after being screened. There was no change in restrictions on liquids. Passengers may only carry on essential medicines in quantities sufficient for the flight, and baby milk or baby formula, which must be tasted by an adult in the presence of security workers.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-09-21-britain-relax-carry-on_x.htm

9. *September 21, Tribune-Herald (TX)* — Crawford returning to normal after train derailment. In downtown Crawford, TX, Tuesday evening, September 19, a southbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad freight train jumped the track sending 23 cars off the

rails. One spilled a corrosive chemical, causing officials to evacuate about 300 people from around the crash site. A day later, the quiet burg that has learned to adjust to the occasional hubbub during presidential visits, has mostly returned to normal after the derailment. Residents were allowed to return to their homes, power was restored and both the rail line and Farm-to-Market Road 185 reopened. Meanwhile, railway officials continued to search for answers as to what caused the train to wreck and spill a potentially dangerous chemical. Railroad officials identified the corrosive liquid as ethanalamine, a compound used in making herbicides, cosmetics, metal cleaners and textiles. Crawford Police Chief Donnie Tidmore said his officers and a cadre of volunteers went door-to-door telling people within a half-mile of the crash site to leave the area. A regional hazardous materials unit was called to the scene to help contain the spill, said County Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Patterson. Tidmore said the remaining chemicals were removed from the damaged rail car and taken away by a tanker truck.

Source: <http://www.wacotrib.com/news/content/news/stories/2006/09/21/09212006waccrawfordfoloFULL.html>

10. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Horizon and Frontier to end contract.** Horizon Air said Wednesday, September 20, it plans to amend a 12-year contract to fly as a regional carrier for low-cost carrier Frontier Airlines Holdings Inc., and will move planes back into Horizon's own West Coast network. Horizon, a subsidiary of Alaska Air Group Inc., said it has been flying nine regional jets under the Frontier JetExpress brand since 2004 under the contract. Horizon said it decided that moving its nine planes back into its own network would be a better use of capital. It said it's negotiating with Frontier on a timeline for that return, as the two conclude the contract.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060920/horizon_frontier.html?.v=1

11. *September 20, Department of Transportation* — **Ferry to provide free connection from Bay St. Louis to Pass Christian.** Drivers will be able to use a free ferry service between Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis, MS. starting November 1, 2006, under the terms of a nearly \$5 million federally funded contract, Acting Secretary of Transportation Maria Cino announced on Wednesday, September 20. Acting Secretary Cino said the ferry service was necessary to handle traffic between the two towns while repair work on the bridge that once connected them is ongoing. The bridge was damaged last August during Hurricane Katrina and work to repair it won't be completed until next May, the Acting Secretary noted. She added that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would pay the entire cost of the seven-month contract out of its Emergency Relief funds.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fhwa1206.htm>

12. *September 20, Aero-News Network (FL)* — **Fighters escort plane out of UN restricted airspace.** Two USAF fighter jets escorted a wayward pilot from restricted airspace Tuesday morning, September 19, during President Bush's visit to the United Nations in New York. Michael Kucharek, spokesperson for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado (NORAD), said the unidentified pilot got the message when he saw one of the military planes flying towards him. "As soon as the F-16 started coming toward his location, he vacated the airspace," Kucharek said. The pilot landed at Old Bridge Airport in New Jersey, according to the Associated Press. Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson Arlene Murray said the agency has not determined what action, if any, would be taken against the pilot.

Such violations of restricted airspace — there have been more than 2,200 such incidents since 9/11, according to NORAD — can result in fines and, in extreme cases, the loss of the pilot's ticket.

Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=2bb145cb-8855-49db-9937-ac6da707a39e>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *September 20, Associated Press* — **American Airlines wins mail contract.** American Airlines Inc. said Wednesday, September 20, it signed a five-year service agreement with the U.S. Postal Service worth up to \$500 million. It is the largest single contract American Airlines' cargo division has ever won, the company said. American said it carries more mail than any other passenger airline.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060920/amr_mail_contract.html?.v=1

14. *September 20, Associated Press* — **Tea bag mail protest concerns post office.** Illinois' lieutenant governor is urging people to mail tea bags to two electric utilities to protest rate increases — an idea that worries post office officials. The Postal Service on Wednesday, September 20, encouraged people to make their point instead with empty tea bags, saying lumpy bags could harm its equipment and create security scares by leaking brown residue. "It's absolutely legal for people to mail a tea bag," said David Colen of the Chicago division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, a law-enforcement arm of the agency. On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn urged residents of his state to include tea bags with their electric bills in the spirit of the Boston Tea Party. After the post office objected, Quinn's office said rate-payers could send just a picture of a tea bag.

Source: <http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/09/20/D8K8QOS01.html>

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Agriculture Sector

15. *September 20, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **More South Carolina counties positive for soybean rust.** Three more South Carolina counties are positive for soybean rust, bringing that state's total to 13 and the U.S. total to 63. Rust was found in Barnwell, Darlington and Edgefield counties in southwest, south and central South Carolina. South Carolina now ties for second-place with Florida for most counties with soybean rust in so far 2006. The 63 rust-positive counties in the U.S. are distributed among the eight affected states as follows: Louisiana, 14; Florida and South Carolina, 13 each; Georgia, 11; Alabama, five; Texas, three; Mississippi and North Carolina, two each.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=958>

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Food Sector

16. *September 21, Columbus Dispatch (OH)* — **Grocers' sales hurt by spinach recall.** Grocery retailers locally and nationwide are taking a sales hit as the national recall of spinach continues into its second week. So far, 146 people in 23 states have been sickened by E. coli linked to contaminated spinach. Some Ohio grocers have taken to steering consumers to other leafy greens, while some Ohio spinach growers are saying they'll take a loss on the crop, even though they aren't associated with the tainted greens. Giant Eagle has had to pull 10 product types from its shelves because they contain spinach, spokesperson Mike Duffey said. Kroger said it has lost sales because of the recall. Whole Foods Market, which also pulled all of its fresh spinach, is promoting other leafy greens to entice shoppers who normally buy fresh spinach, spokesperson Kate Lowery said. Enforcing a food recall can be a significant expense for growers, retailers and producers, although the economic losses vary from company to company, said Bill Greer, spokesperson for the Food Marketing Institute.
Source: <http://www.columbusdispatch.com/business-story.php?story=dispatch/2006/09/21/20060921-G1-04.html>

17. *September 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Food and Drug Administration statement on E. coli outbreak in spinach.** To date, 146 cases of illness due to E. coli infection have been reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including 23 cases of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), 76 hospitalizations, and one death. Illnesses continue to be reported to CDC. There are now 23 affected states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The New Mexico Department of Health announced Wednesday, September 20, that it has linked a sample from a package of spinach with the outbreak strain of E. coli O157. On September 19, RLB Food Distributors, West Caldwell, NJ, initiated a voluntary recall of certain salad products that may contain spinach. On September 17, River Ranch, of Salinas, CA, announced a voluntary recall of packages of spring mix containing spinach. On September 15, Natural Selection Foods, LLC, of San Juan Bautista, CA, announced a voluntary recall of all products containing spinach.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01459.html>

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Water Sector

18. *September 20, Nevada Appeal* — **Sewage spill prompts emergency response plan.** More than a year after Lake Tahoe, NV's largest sewage spill, steps are being taken to prevent future incidents. On July 19, 2005, a contractor with Tahoe City-based Pacific Built punctured a 14-inch sewage main line while constructing a pier. As a result, an estimated 56,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled onto the shoreline, shutting all access to the lake in Kings Beach for several days. Four beaches were closed for 10 days and another was shut down for 16 days. Since the spill, the district has updated its emergency response plan, and held a training in August with Placer County Office of Emergency Services for all of the special districts in the Tahoe Basin and Truckee. Regionally, districts are updating the mutual aid program to take inventory of what tools and equipment each agency has. The districts will develop a sewer project identification process, determine sewer prioritization, support education and outreach on the

topic and develop program level regulatory permit process.

Source: http://www.nevadaappeal.com/article/SS/20060920/NEWS/6091901_2

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Public Health Sector

19. *September 21, Reuters* — **Donors to help Nigeria look for bird flu outbreaks.** Some 200 health workers will fan out across Nigeria over the next six months to look for cases of avian influenza under a new project launched on Thursday, September 21, by the European Union and the United Nations. The first African country to detect the H5N1 strain of bird flu, Nigeria has not reported any human cases of the disease although experts warn surveillance may not be effective because of poor health services. The H5N1 virus was first detected in chicken in the northern state of Kaduna in January and it quickly spread to 14 of Nigeria's 36 states and to the Federal Capital Territory despite measures such as culls, quarantines and poultry transport bans. Millions of Nigerians keep chicken in their backyards, and poultry are usually transported and sold live because most people don't have electricity to run refrigerators.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L21495850.htm>

20. *September 21, Agence France–Presse* — **World Health Organization warns staff exodus threatens Pacific health systems.** An exodus of health workers from Pacific nations to wealthier countries could push the region's health systems to the brink of collapse, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned. A human resources crisis has overtaken funding issues as the biggest threat to public health, with an estimated global shortfall of over four million doctors, nurses, dentists and others, the WHO said. The organization, which is holding its annual western Pacific meeting this week, said Pacific governments facing a shortage of health staff will have to make major structural and fiscal changes.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060921/hl_afp/nzealandwhohealth_060921095641:ylt=Aq1ss1biZGOrH_Tb9IIT1iJOrgF:ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

21. *September 21, Xinhua (China)* — **Institutes to supervise bird flu in Southeast Asia.** Health institutes in China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and France will, late this year, start a four-year project on keeping surveillance on bird flu outbreaks among humans in Southeast Asia, Vietnamese newspaper Young People reported Thursday, September 21. Under the project funded by the French Development Agency, Pasteur institutes in Vietnam's Ha Noi capital, central Nha Trang city and southern Ho Chi Minh City, China's Shanghai, France's Paris, and Cambodia, and a laboratory in Laos will reinforce their standard labs and national disease response networks, exchange data and specimens relating to bird flu, and put forth measures to contain outbreaks.

Source: http://english.people.com.cn/200609/21/eng20060921_304960.html

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *September 20, WJAC TV (PA)* — **Altoona emergency responders prepare for terrorist attack.** A number of local emergency responders teamed up for a drill at the Altoona Regional Medical Center's trauma center in Altoona, PA. Medical staff from Altoona Regional and the Altoona Fire Department participated in the drill, which simulated about 40 people who were either exposed to nerve gas or in a bus accident. In the drill, some had minor injuries while others simulated death. The medical staff was not warned ahead of time about the conditions they would be treating. The doctor in charge said organizers wanted a true test of the trauma system in place. Staff members integrated regular patient care with the emergency drill.
Source: <http://www.wjactv.com/news/9894772/detail.html>

23. *September 20, Hood River News (OR)* — **Agencies plan mock terrorist attack drill.** Hood River County, OR, emergency responders will participate in a drill on Saturday, September 23, that centers on a mock terrorist attack. A full-scale exercise simulates a radiological incident along Interstate 84. “This is a good opportunity to test what we have in the way of equipment and how it works,” said Hood River County Sheriff Joe Wampler. The drill focuses on the overall response and decision-making processes. It is intended to increase readiness among public health, emergency management and safety agencies for a real disaster.
Source: http://www.hoodrivernews.com/News%20stories/075_news_4.htm

24. *September 20, Time Record (AR)* — **Mock drill simulates a terrorist attack.** About 60 local, state and federal agencies responded to multiple “terrorist attacks” Tuesday, September 19, in Fort Smith and Fort Chaffee, AR, as part of Operation Sudden Havoc, an emergency response exercise. The exercise involved agencies responding to a chemical attack at the Fort Smith Air Show, the shoot down of a Blackhawk helicopter at Chaffee and law enforcement pursuit of suspected terrorists, said Tonya Roberts, deputy coordinator for the Sebastian County Emergency Management Department. Unexpected circumstances were also interjected into the scenario to help simulate the unpredictability in the aftermath of a terrorist event. While emergency responders and law enforcement participated in the exercise, Roberts said they were observed by 38 evaluators from outside agencies who will prepare reports on their performance. The personnel responding in the field were directed from an emergency operations command post. Department heads from all agencies responding to the attacks gathered in the command post to share information. The exercise staged Tuesday was a year in the planning, Roberts said, with lessons learned from the 2005 exercise and the response of multiple agencies to the influx of evacuees at Chaffee following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
Source: http://www.swtimes.com/articles/2006/09/21/week_in_review/news/wednesday/news04.txt

25. *September 19, Macon Telegraph (GA)* — **Mock plane crash tests emergency response in Macon.** Fourteen emergency management agencies rushed to the Middle Georgia Regional Airport Tuesday, September 19, after a plane skidded off the runway and into a fence, killing four people. The simulated plane was really a Bibb County school bus, and the casualties were very-much-alive volunteers from Volunteer Macon. The exercise was part of a drill that the

airport has every three years to make sure emergency personnel know how to respond in the event of a real disaster, said Johnny Wingers, director of the Macon–Bibb County Emergency Management Agency. Wingers said he would give the disaster response an "A" because everyone worked well together and had good communication. Evaluators from other counties were brought in to evaluate Macon's response, and each agency in attendance is filling out paperwork about how the county performed, he said.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/mld/macon/15556368.htm>

26. *September 19, Batesville Daily Guard (AR)* — **Disaster scenario at airport shows responders' strengths, weaknesses.** An aircraft emergency landing involving hazardous chemicals was the focus of a disaster drill in Batesville, AR, on Thursday, September 14. Responders were not told in advance that it was a drill. The pilot landed the plane in a plume of "smoke," which resulted in the responders attempting to simulate an actual call for help to the 61st Civil Support Team out of Little Rock. The emergency responders quickly moved to a predetermined point, but once there failed to do reconnaissance and waited over an hour for the 61st to arrive. According to some officials, that lag time was actually a part of the drill as Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Glen Willis related it to the chance of terrorism. Another item of concern was that the team in charge of the decontamination tent had trouble preparing and putting up the tent, and then once up, the tent was not used. Those in decontamination suits simulated the act of being decontaminated after being in contact with the victims and the hazardous materials. Also those working the decontamination tent did not wear decontamination suits. That was partly due to the responders not bringing enough air tanks for the drill.

Source: http://www.guardonline.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=36400&format=html

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

27. *September 20, TechWeb* — **Study: Broadband passes dial–up Internet access.** Driven largely by the bundling of services, high–speed broadband has finally overtaken dial–up in Internet access, accounting for a 56 percent share of residential ISP customers, according to a study released Wednesday, September 20, by J. D. Power and Associates. The customer market research firm noted that high–speed services had surged even though they are priced much higher than dial–up. Power and Associates said the average price subscribers pay for high–speed access is \$42.13 a month versus \$18.45 for dial–up. "Although high–speed Internet is still considerably more expensive than dial–up, bundling high–speed with other products, such as telephone and video service, has made it an increasingly attractive option," Steve Kirkeby, executive director of telecommunications and technology research at Power and Associates, said according to a press release. Kirkeby also noted that dial–up's 44 percent market share still represents a significant piece of the Internet access market.

Study: <http://www.jdpower.com/autos/content/articles/article.asp?id=167>

Source: <http://www.crn.com/sections/breakingnews/dailyarchives.jhtml?articleId=193004098>

28. *September 20, IDG News Service* — **U.S. computer firm admits selling banned exports to Iran.** Super Micro Computer, of San Jose, CA, pleaded guilty to one felony count of knowingly exporting items subject to export regulations without obtaining a license and has agreed to pay

a \$150,000 fine, according to a statement from the office of Kevin V. Ryan, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. Super Micro Computer, which sells high-end servers, computer cases, motherboards, and other components, reportedly sold the equipment when exporting to Iran "was banned at the time for reasons of national security," according to the U.S. Attorney. According to the plea agreement approved by federal District Judge Ronald M. Whyte, Super Micro sold 300 computer motherboards worth about \$27,600 between December 28, 2001, and January 29, 2002, to a company named Super Net in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, "knowing that the items were to be transhipped to Iran," the U.S. Attorney's Office release stated. According to Commerce Department records, this is one of the first criminal convictions in the U.S. for exporting items controlled for national security reasons to Iran. U.S. Attorney's Office Press Release:

http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/can/press/2006/2006_09_19_SuperMic_ro.guiltyplea.press.html

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/06/09/20/HNbannedexportstoIran_1.html

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 4672 (eMule), 113 (auth), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 445 (microsoft-ds), 65530 (WindowsMite), 25 (smtp), 80 (www), 135 (epmap), 6346 (gnutella-svc)
	Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov .	
Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/ .	

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

29. *September 21, Associated Press* — Underground fire forces evacuations in downtown Philadelphia. A smoky underground electrical fire on Thursday afternoon, September 21, forced several thousand office workers to evacuate, closed streets, and blew off several manhole covers, officials said. An underground electrical cable became overloaded and started smoking severely, said Michael Wood, a spokesperson at Peco, the local electric utility. Underground ducts began accumulating gases and the gases caused several manhole covers to be blown off, according to Peco and fire officials. Hundreds of office workers milled around the area before being told they could go home. Officials also closed streets in a 25-square-block area. Executive Fire Chief Daniel Williams said 3,000 to 4,000 people were evacuated. One person was taken to a hospital, but the injuries appeared to be minor, he said. The area is near an underground subway and commuter rail station, but officials with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority said those services were running normally.

Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060921/NEWS/60921027>

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